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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed October 21, 2003, said period of response being extended from January 21, 2004 to February 21, 2004.

Our check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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